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SHERIFF WAS THE SINNER

Evidence is accumulating that the sheriff of Palm Beach county is responsible for the failure to bring the Beach Club gamblers to justice. In the first place, it is a self-evident fact that such an institution couldn't flourish without the connivance of the authorities. A sheriff determined to do his duty, with the governor to back him, would make the existence of such a place so precarious that it wouldn't find it profitable to exist.

If the governor will tie a can on the present incumbent and pin a badge on a man he can depend on—a ham-fisted, ex-swinging church deacon, if one exists in that county—a man who will persist in walking into the Beach Club at any time he sees fit, and will see fit a half a dozen times or more a week, the Bradley brothers will soon seek a more salubrious clime. Such an official may not suit the people of Palm Beach county who profit by the existence of a Monte Carlo in their midst. But he will suit those who believe in law and order and the good name of Florida, and if these are in the minority in Palm Beach county, there are plenty out in the state to back them.

The Jacksonville State says of this affair:

First steps have been taken to wipe out the system which has prevailed in Palm Beach county, where the Bradleys have conducted a gambling place for nearly a quarter of a century in defiance of the laws of the state. The operations have been on such a mammoth scale that it is thought the Bradleys clear approximately half a million dollars annually.

While the raid was a frost in so far as getting witnesses, especially the principal ones, it appears now that the governor has sufficient evidence before him upon which to remove the sheriff, and with the right man as sheriff, the club cannot operate.

J. E. Burgess, head of the Metropolitan Detective Agency, who does the detective work for Governor Trammell, engineered the coup and deserves much credit for his work, and had he been given cooperation by the sheriff the situation would present a different phase.

The Beach Club is most exclusive institution, members only being permitted to play, and members must be vouched for by other members, no Floridians being permitted in the institution. Mr. Burgess secured the services of Theodore Bauer, a young business man from Paris, whose business connections enabled him to mingle with the fast set at the celebrated winter resort, and as a result obtained a membership card in the Bradley club, and for a fortnight gained all of the information desired, himself participating in the games.

After all of the evidence was obtained, warrants and subpoenas were issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff, but when the raid was made, instead of finding gambling, a dance was in progress but, of course, no one would accuse the sheriff of tipping the Bradleys.

The roulette tables are so arranged that one may quickly be turned into a dining table and another folds into the wall and upon a moment's notice the fine hall may be turned into a gambling hall into a ball room.

The Bradley interests at Palm Beach are operated in such a way that politics and business conditions are controlled by them, which makes it hard for the right men to be elected, but now that the sheriff has conducted himself in such a manner it appears there is opportunity for Governor Trammell to remove him and appoint in his stead a man who may be trusted to enforce the laws of Florida.

Governor Trammell is to be commended for his work in this beginning of the breaking up of the Palm Beach gambling-political machine, and Mr. Burgess of the detective agency has rendered splendid service.

Another strange part about the matter was the fact that while the sheriff had the subpoenas for the witnesses, four of the principal ones—the ones who had participated in the play—were allowed to get out of town before being served with the summons.

OUTSPOKEN ALBERT

From all the facts in the case, and our reading between the lines, the assassination of Haywood Christopher of this city, last Saturday night, was one of the most wanton and unnecessary ever known in this county. We happened to know this boy, and boy he was. Always jovial and full of fun and frolic, we learned to like him and to love him. There are not very many of this type left. He always had a pleasant word for those he knew. We have had many a good-natured wrangle and tussle with him, and he was always "there with the goods." For a young man like this to have been so shamefully and brutally murdered, is an indelible blot upon the pages of our county's history.—Floridian.

The Star has sometimes felt like this about murders that have occurred in this vicinity, but in obedience to the unwritten law that compels a

begins to look like the Everglades land case is becoming more of a case of persecution than prosecution. One of the principals has again been arrested. There was no money lost to investors in the Everglades, and yet there have been many arrests for false claims, several trials and convictions, and still more arrests following. In other states where there have been glaring frauds and misrepresentations, there has not been a single arrest even in cases where the purchasers of lands lost all they put into them on account of misrepresentation of facts.

PISTOL TOTTING

The Pensacola Independent thinks it has found the philosopher's stone for stopping the pistol totting practice. This is to teach boxing in the schools so that every boy becomes an adept in the "manly art," and thus will be able to defend himself with his fists instead of resorting to deadly weapons. The man who arms himself with deadly weapons is a coward, says the Independent.

This boxing scheme may be all right if all men are of the same size, but alas, except in magazine stories, a big man who cannot box is generally more than a match for a small man who can. Neither is a big man unarmed a match for a small man who has a pistol. But this is neither here nor there. As long as brutal negroes and white men with criminal instincts carry pistols for attack, good men are compelled to carry arms for defense. To take means to protect one's life is not cowardice, and it is foolhardiness instead of bravery to refuse to take such means when occasions demand it. We read almost daily about unarmed men being killed by armed ruffians, whereas, had the former been armed, some of the ruffians might have had their careers stopped. The quarrels between white men when pistols or knives are used are generally drunken brawls and if no weapons are handy the combatants will use clubs or anything they can find, often with deadly effect.

The element among us in the South desperate enough to carry and make use of pistols in slight provocation, consists mostly of floating negroes, many of whom have served time in penal institutions or are fugitives from justice. Whenever such a crowd of no one safe unless when armed. We read about their lawless deeds all the time, and often also, how the lives of worthy persons were saved, and the assailants put to flight because the attacked were armed. Against the perils from this class there is no remedy, and it has been and is the chief justification for pistol totting by otherwise law-abiding men. Drunken brawls are becoming more and more infrequent with the increased difficulty of getting whiskey.

Pistol totting is not an unmixed evil. In portions of the country where the habit of carrying arms does not exist, and the pistol does not put all on an equal basis as far as fighting strength is concerned, bullies abound, who tyrannize over their weaker brethren, and thrash them if they rebel. We have nothing of this sort in the South, where every would-be bully knows that those he would like to ill-treat are able to defend themselves. If we don't get excited but look at the matter calmly we find that there are very few unjustifiable killings in the state that can be charged directly to the habit of carrying arms. Neither is pistol totting so common as it has been cried out to be. We deplore the practice, but as long as there are those who would make life a burden, if they could, for the rest of the population, we consider it proper for those who are exposed to attack to be prepared to defend themselves. This condition will cease with closer settlement, but in the meantime we must expect to encounter the same conditions as all other new countries are or have been subjected to.

Let us work for temperance, for education and for the rapid settlement of our state. When these things come pistol totting will cease.—Starke Telegraph.

The Star is glad to see and endorse the foregoing. It is the most sensible and comprehensive article on the subject we have ever seen in print.

It is too well known to dispute that Editor Mathews of the Starke Telegraph is a law-abiding man and an upright citizen, so it will be no use to try to reply to him by saying he is a coward or indorses ruffianism. He has exactly expressed the sentiments of the thousands of men who respect and uphold the law, but believe they have the right to take measures to protect themselves in those places where the law cannot help them.

Mr. Mathews speaks from personal experience. A number of years ago he was editing one of the pioneer papers of the state. He found himself confronted by conduct contrary to law and humanity by certain moneyed men. He was given to understand that it was to his profit if he remained silent, but that if he exposed the evil he did so not only at his financial but his personal peril. He chose like a good and brave journalist—he exposed and denounced the evil. At the same time, he armed and gave notice he would defend himself if necessary. And considering the power and the character of the men he defied, there is not much doubt that it was only the knowledge that he could, and belief that he would, fight, that saved him from rough treatment, maybe worse. "Gene" knows what he is talking about.

We are afraid we will not be able to attend the meeting of the state press association at Miami, but if we go we intend to see to it that Straub and Sparkman be given an opportunity to settle their controversy in a 12-foot ring.—Ocala Star.

There's no controversy on between Sparkman and Straub. Straub abolished a government department to get the best of us, and when he can do that he has us outclassed.—Daytona Journal.

Sparkman seems to be in the same condition of a fix as that experienced by an Indian chief out west in the



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sixties. This chief and his band were romping around raising hair, when they met a detachment of troops with a home-made mountain battery—said battery consisting of a muzzle-loading two-pounder strapped on the back of a mule. The gun was mounted so the muzzle projected over the mule's tail, and it was intended to fire it by turning the animal's heels toward the foe (proper thing at close range) taking sight from between its ears and then, while the gun platform was held steady by the bridle, the cannon would be fired by a short fuse. Unfortunately the detachment had not explained the program to the mule, so when the beast had been backed toward the Indians, the "piece laid" and fire applied to the fuse, as soon as the long-eared quadruped heard the powder sputtering, he wrenched his head loose, bunched all four feet under him and began to swing the muzzle of the gun to all points of the compass. The soldiers threw themselves flat on the ground while the Indians looked on in amazement, fearing some stratagem of the tricky white man. Just as the muzzle of the cannon was pointing directly away from the Indians, the gun went off, and the recoil knocked the mule down and sent him whirling over and over down hill toward the redskins, who fled as fast as their ponies would carry them. A number of years later, after the Indian chief had been tamed, and was on the reservation, he met a soldier who had been in the detachment on that notable day, and on being asked why he and his companions fled without fighting replied: "Indian no afraid of gun—Indian no afraid of pistol—but when white man shoot whole jackass at Indian, it good time for Indian to run."

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GOT THEM GUESSING

Our clever Bellevue correspondent writes the following regarding the new dope law:

One of the prettiest contributions of art to literature ever presented to the American people is that little pamphlet entitled "Internal Revenue Regulations, No. 35. Laws and Regulations relating to the Production, Importation, Manufacture, Compounding, Sale, Dispensing or Giving Away of Opium of Cocoa Leaves, their Salts or Derivatives or Preparation."

Quite a lengthy name for such a little book, but say, it is all there with the goods in plain and unmistakable meaning, and right now that little book with a big long title is causing the storekeepers big and little, of this whole country to sit up and scratch their heads as never before. It has got them all a guessing, and they don't know where they are. That thing is loaded chock to the muzzle and they don't know which end will turn loose first.

Numbers of store keepers have asked us about it, and numbers never heard of it before, but the chances are that they will before long.

When Mr. Store Keeper sends in his usual monthly order for drugs, he will be surprised to receive a return notice that certain drugs must be ordered on certain blanks furnished by the Internal Revenue officers, otherwise his order cannot be filled, and his attention will be called to section 9 of the act, which says: "That any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the requirements of this act shall, on conviction, be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or be imprisoned not more than five years, or both at the discretion of the court. The question will then arise, what can I sell? And what cannot I sell, to comply with the regulations of this law? This is the question that is agitating the country store keepers of this country today.

This law is no joke, Uncle Sam has spoken, so to speak, and there you are. It will not pay to fool with Uncle Sam, for he has a habit of laying his hand on heavy, and when your favorite dope customer comes in Mr. Storekeeper and asks for his favorite prescription, or a bottle of laudanum, or a few tablets, or expresses a wish for a shot in the arm, just look at him and say "Nuthindoin." "Nix for me." "Go get the doctors prescription." See?

And the poor drug and dope user, where do they come in? Well one may ask and ponder, for they are the ones to suffer all the pent up agonies of hell, for this law that was ushered in without the blare of trumpets, the boasts of temperance reformers, or any great amount of publicity, is the great lever that separates them from what they most desire, and they, this great army of dopesters, that this law is aimed at, will feel its effects, and suffer. It is the secret dopester that will be hurt most, for they have always been able to cover their tracks, and conceal their addiction to the use of the moral killing drugs, but now they will be smoked out and will show themselves in their true colors, and it will cause suffering untold.

If the storekeeper is not careful he will let his sympathies or greed for profit run away with his better judgment, and probably run full tilt into section 9 and awake to the stern reality that section 9 means just what it says. But says, Mr. Storekeeper, it means what it says. Now what in thunder does it say? That's the rub. Interpretation of this law is a question that some stand in doubt of and cannot understand, and it is to these that I write this little offering.

The first thing to do is to take a complete inventory of your stock of drugs, next make a copy and send it to your wholesale druggist asking that they cross off the items that you cannot handle and sell without conflicting with this anti-narcotic law, and upon its return dispose of the prohibited items, either by returning to your wholesaler or destroying same.

The provisions and penalties of this law are too severe and the accumulations of wealth by the country store keeper too small to stand many inflections of the above penalties, therefore my advice to the country store keeper is play safe and do not put yourself in conflict with this anti-narcotic law.

NOTICE Of Animals Impounded

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have this day placed in the city pound the following described animals which have been found running at large within the corporate limits of the city of Ocala, contrary to the ordinances of said city:

One brindle cow marked crop and split one ear, split and underbit other; one red calf, crop and two splits one ear, upper and underbit other; one black steer marked swallow fork one ear, upper bit and under-bit other.

The owners thereof, or their agents, are hereby notified that if the animals are not claimed and all expenses of taking and impounding thereof are not paid within three days from date hereof, to-wit: On the 16th day of March, 1915, I will sell the same to the highest and best bidder, said sale to take place between the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., on said day at the city pound in Ocala, Florida.

W. F. Adams, Marshal City of Ocala.
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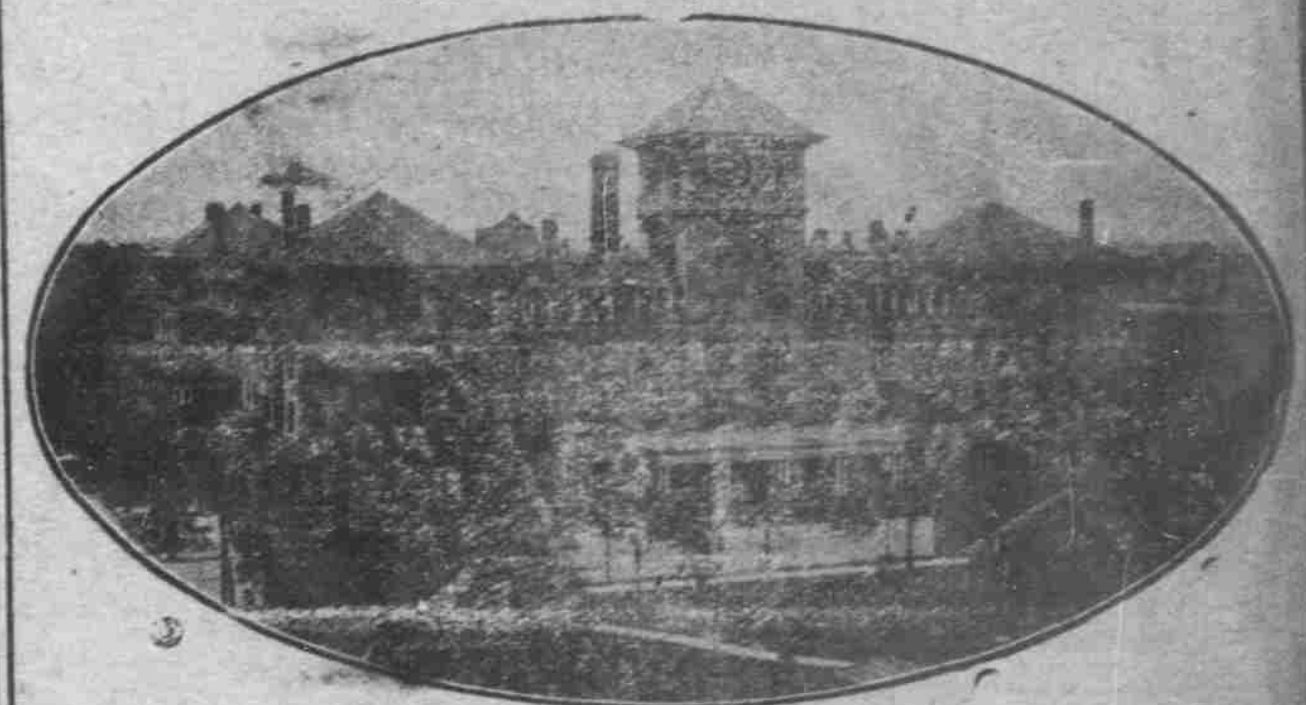
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